



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Kleimer et al.

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MEMBRANES FOR CONTROLLED DRUG  
DELIVERY DEVICES

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed August 14, 2003, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on November 14, 2003.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** appear on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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